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All of these societies have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

The Association was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity. In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

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THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

The Union was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

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EDITORIAL

CHEER up! Spiritual realities are, after all, the realities upon which we must ultimately establish our faith. Anything short of this is subject to the surprises that bewilder and the disappointments that overwhelm. A few days ago one of our Unitarian ministers whose memory goes back beyond the middle of the nineteenth century exclaimed, "This year of our Lord, 1915, is the most depressing year I have ever known." He was thinking of the war that well nigh involves the whole civilized world, of cloudbursts and tidal waves, of epidemics of crime and the violation of old and well established ethical forms and standards. He was distracted by the lawlessness, brutality, and violence that drives nations to desperation and individuals to suicide. The "*year of our Lord*" 1915 reminded him of that passage in Jude where mention is made of "clouds without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; raging waves of the sea, foaming out of their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever."

This attitude is so far justified at the present time that any optimist who should try to argue that such a view is all an illusion, would be considered mentally incompetent. Any theory of life which blinks the stark, staring facts of our time is fractional and amateurish. The only way for intelligent human beings to endure this age is to have a theory of life which is big enough to admit the facts and then to include them in some comprehensive plan of the universe. The man who is hypnotized by the marauding agencies of despair without realizing that they are, as compared with spiritual realities, but hideous shadows without substance, has a reason for being depressed. Only those who can find in their hearts somewhere the inspiration of hymn No. 88 in *The New Hymn and Tune Book* can rise triumphantly and serenely into the upper airs of confidence and peace.

O blessed life! the mind that sees,
Whatever change the years may bring,
A mercy still in everything,
And shining through all mysteries.

O blessed life! the soul that soars,
When sense of mortal sight is dim,
Beyond the sense,—beyond, to him
Whose love unlocks the heavenly doors.

THE foregoing would hardly be relevant in the present issue of *Word and Work* were it not for the fact that Unitarianism has always proclaimed and sought to make vital and active in the world the fundamental principles of Christianity. We have doubtless erred in not having given them more intense prophetic utterance; we have failed through our coldly intellectual treatment of religious belief; and we have too frequently misrepresented our-

selves by a Puritanic self-restraint and a lack of emotional fervor; but we still possess our single-minded purpose to heed every accent of truth, and we still are intolerant only when the vital sanctions of conscience are betrayed. Our traditions are splendid and the list of our spiritual heroes we justly point to with denominational pride, but we cannot live upon tradition, and our dead heroes and prophets can save us only as we perpetuate their spirit. We, too, one of these days will be dead without being either heroes or prophets unless we project into the world of our time spiritual impulses and impelling vitalities of sufficient significance to win the emulation of those who follow after.

DURING the current year the American Unitarian Association proposes to employ new devices, make use of expert talent, inaugurate new methods in sowing the seed of our sane and saving gospel and, in general, to make a larger contribution than ever before to the progress of our faith. The meeting of the General Conference at San Francisco and the transcontinental excursion, with its forward movement meetings going and coming, formed a good beginning for the year's campaign. From time to time reports will appear in *Word and Work* and through denominational periodicals, indicating what is being done, and we earnestly urge ministers and congregations to inform themselves concerning these denominational enterprises. It is reported (the writer cannot vouch for the truth of the statement) that one of our ministers in calling for the annual contribution for the American Unitarian Association used the following words, or words to the same effect, "To-day we are to take up our annual contribution for the American Unitarian Association, but I do not know for the life of me what is done with the money." One can imagine that the congregation of this minister did not wax enthusiastic over denominational achievements. There was not the slightest reason why this minister should not know what becomes of the money contributed by the churches. Our Annual Reports are congested with the accounts of our work. All through the year the *Christian Register*, *Word and Work*, the *Unitarian Advance*, and the *Pacific Unitarian* are telling what is being done. The general officers and field secretaries of the Association are constantly moving about among the churches to inform those that desire to know what we are attempting to accomplish. Letters, circulars, and pamphlets are being issued perpetually for the same reason. He must indeed be a very lethargic Unitarian minister who can say to his congregation that, for the life of him, he does not know what is being done with the money.

THEN, too, think of what The Alliance, the Sunday School Society, and the Young People's Religious Union contemplate. Read their several sections in the present issue of *Word and Work*. The Alliance alone will undertake to raise a permanent fund of $25,000. Why? Because the possible opportunities for usefulness, the appeals that are coming from every direction, and the need of larger official equipment require constant and increasing funds. Any one with a fugitive $1,000 could not send it to a better fountainhead of Unitarian influence than to place it in the hands of The Alliance. Isn't it better to give money in order that, through the agencies employed by it, men and women shall think straight and become transcendent over hatred and injustice, than to place it where it may encourage superstition and inhumanity and perpetuate social and political strife? The Alliance, with great enthusiasm, bade Godspeed to Miss Pecker, its representative in China, as she left San Francisco for Shanghai at the time of the General Conference. She has been fitted for this work at the Tuckerman School and at Chicago University, previously having lived and worked in China under other auspices. Whether we consider the work of The Alliance in this or foreign countries, the purpose and the results are of the same high character and deserve renewed loyalty and unfailing encouragement on the part

of every Unitarian who realizes the larger opportunities of the present age.

SPACE does not permit me to do justice to the splendid work being done by the Department of Religious Education. The summer schools this year held at Andover, N. H., at Meadville, Pa., and at the Isles of Shoals, N. H., have experienced most gratifying results. At these summer schools we have had ever-increasing attendance and influence, and with the cooperation of experts in other communions securing the gradual raising of the standards in our Sunday Schools, we can foresee results that should win the interest of all our churches. The most important work our Sunday School Society is doing by means of these summer institutes is the preparation for leadership in the interpretation of religion for the coming generation. Already superintendents and teachers under pay have been employed by a number of our churches, and as soon as we fully realize that this work determines the future growth and influence of our churches it will receive more serious attention on the part of the laity.

THE Young People's Religious Union has been in existence eighteen years. It may be well to review the purposes for which this organization was brought into being.

1. To unite the young people's societies that wish to work together.
2. To foster the religious life.
3. To bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations.
4. To spread rational views of religion.
5. To put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind.

The young people have started out upon a campaign for an endowment fund of $30,000, the income of which will pay the salary and traveling expenses of a field agent whose duty it will be to stir up dormant organizations, create new unions and increase the membership of our body. Various enterprises to raise this fund are under way, such as a biennial bazaar and the presentation of a pageant to portray the telling scenes in our Unitarian history.

NOT long ago, at one of our summer meetings, an enterprise which had long been considered was being discussed by a large number of delegates and friends who were present. Finally, a frail and aged and well-nigh blind woman, whose features indicated the refined and elevated character of a long life of faithful service, arose and in substance said:

"Friends, year after year we have talked about this proposed undertaking and year after year we have returned to our homes apparently satisfied with our good resolutions. But we have not *done* anything. We all agree that this enterprise is a good one, that we ought to engage in it, and that a great service to the world can be rendered if we accomplish it. I am a poor woman, but in my opinion we have talked long enough. Let us now proceed to do something. Here is a five dollar note to start the fund."

Let the example of this fine old lady be followed all along the line. There are no better traditions in the world than those of Unitarianism. Whether in the East or West, North or South, we are proud of the men and women who follow our colors. They are all endowed with common sense, many of them are wise, thousands of them possess ample means, few of them are so situated that they cannot help to some extent. If every Unitarian in the country will do his or her simple and reasonable duty this year, and for ten years—until our centennial in 1925—we shall not be ashamed of our record as a leading influence in the coming of a great awakening of the Christian world.

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Ministerial Personals

Mr. Leonard Cushman, who graduated at the Harvard Divinity School last June, has been ordained minister of the church in Yarmouth, Me. Mr. D. M. Welch of the same class has taken charge of the church at Highland Springs, Va. Rev. C. S. Bodwell has resigned at Harvard, Mass. to accept a call to Oklahoma, Okla. Among the resignations of the summer have been those of Rev. H. H. Saunderson at Toronto, Rev. K. E. Evans at Philadelphia, Rev. J. C. Hodgins at Framingham, Rev. J. L. Marsh at Bolton, and Rev. F. K. Gifford at Sandwich.

Billings Lectures

Dr. J. Estlin Carpenter of Oxford will be able to meet some appointments on this foundation during the months of October and November. He already has many lecturing engagements and he will be heartily welcomed in our churches and by our people. Dr. Crothers has given a large part of the summer to his work on the Billings Foundation. He has just completed a series of meetings in different communities in Colorado and is now engaged in meeting appointments in Kansas and Nebraska. Mr. Bulkeley begins his work in Texas this month, centering for the present at Austin.

General Conference

The meeting of the General Conference at San Francisco was thoroughly successful. The attendance was unexpectedly large and the Conference never had a better series of addresses. The genial vigor of the President, Mr. Taft, was felt throughout the session. The Conference accomplished one very important piece of business by adopting a revision of the rules governing the action of the Committee on Fellowship. The report presented by the special commission on this subject was most enlightening and significant, and the action of the Conference promises to have far-reaching effect in preserving the high character of the Unitarian ministry and in protecting the parishes from the inroads of ministerial adventurers. It should, however, be added that the Committee on Fellowship has no power to coerce parishes that tempt disaster by engaging the services of ministers who have been unable to persuade the Committee on Fellowship that they are persons of good character or attainment.

The Association was represented at the meeting of the General Conference in San Francisco by a number of its officers and directors. The President, the Treasurer, the Assistant Secretary, and the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Relations went out for the meetings. All traveled by different routes and met appointments in different parts of the country. The President went out by the Canadian route, traveled the length of the Pacific Coast from Seattle to San Diego, and returned over the Santa Fe. He preached the Conference Sermon at San Francisco, filled Sunday appointments at Seattle, Oakland, and Santa Barbara, addressed the Religious Education Association, and met many other engagements. The Treasurer went out by the Panama Canal and returned by the Canadian Pacific. The Assistant Secretary went out by New Orleans and the Southern Pacific and returned by Salt Lake City and Denver. Dr. Wendte spent most of the summer on the Coast, meeting many appointments and conducting the meetings of the National Federation of Religious Liberals. Of the Board of Directors, Messrs. Davis, Wilbur, Smith, Wiers and Pierce and Mrs. Lombard attended the Conference. Dr. MacCauley, the Association's representative in Japan, came from Tokyo for the

Conference, which he addressed, together with his colleague, Mr. Suzuki. Dr. MacCauley is now in the East renewing old associations and is ready to meet speaking appointments.

Journeys

During October the President expects to be in charge of the office, except for one week of absence when he has speaking engagements in New York State. The Secretary will go West early in the month and will hold Ministers' Meetings at Toledo, Ohio on Oct. 17-19, and at Madison, Wis., on Oct. 20-21. The Secretary of the Department of Social and Public Service, Mr. Forbes, has already gone to the Northwest, visiting the Scandinavian churches. On Sept. 19th he conferred with our Finnish representatives in Minnesota, and then spent two weeks among the Icelanders in Manitoba. Sunday, Oct. 3d, he is to be with the Norwegians at Hanska, and then visit the Norwegian and Swedish missions in Minnesota. The Secretary of the Department of Religious Education, Mr. Lawrance, expects to go South in November to represent the Association at the dedication of the new church in Atlanta. He expects to return by the way of Chattanooga, Louisville, and Indianapolis.

The New Year Book

The Year Book for 1915-16 and the new Annual Report of the Association have been mailed to ministers. Packages of the Reports have also been sent to societies to be distributed among individuals interested in the denominational work. It is hoped that ministers receiving these packages will make good use of them. The Reports are published at considerable expense, the object being to place at the disposal of Unitarians all possible information in regard to the activities of their national organization. A careful study of this Report will give a thoroughgoing account of all the department activities, the amount of money received by the Association and the channels through which it is distributed.

There have also been mailed to ministers and lay officers of parishes copies of the Report of the Commission on Church Finances and Accounting. It is hoped that many societies will find in this report valuable suggestions for the handling of financial problems. The report is commended to the study of ministers and laymen, and more copies may be had by addressing the Association.

The Unitarian Button

Announcement was made in the June number of *Word and Work* of the completion of a little button for Unitarians, designed to symbolize various significant points in our history and the several organizations for carrying on our Unitarian work. These buttons may be had at 3 cents each, 2 for 5 cents, 25 cents per dozen, or $2.00 per hundred. All these prices include delivery, and cash should accompany the order. Each button comes pinned on a card describing in full the origin of the button and the significance of its various elements.

Every member of the Unitarian tour to San Francisco during the past summer wore one of these buttons, and the party was most enthusiastic about them. It is hoped that the churches will send for supplies for use among their members, especially the young people. Special rates will be made on lots of buttons for sale at Alliance fairs or other occasions.

Types of Summer Work

Chautauqua, N. Y., is a permanent, well organized center of spiritual and moral power. The 3,000 so-called circuit chautauquas, but more accurately "tent" or "circus" chautauquas, are often but imitations, commercialized and sordid, of the substantial institution on the shores of Chautauqua Lake.

Near the center of this summer city stands the Unitarian Headquarters. Opposite is the substantial open air Hall of Philosophy and facing the same open park are the Headquarters of Religious Education, the Alumni Hall, the Hall of the Christ and the Headquarters for Young Women. Influences from this center, it is safe to say, profoundly

affect the thought and life of the American people.

The usual work has been carried on during the summer with as much efficiency as our equipment and the numbers interested in our cause permit. People have come to us from our churches in all sections of the country and many liberals who live remote from any Unitarian church have made our house the center of their interests and acquaintance. The excellent loan library of the Post Office Mission, the reading table and the large assortment of free tracts have all served their purpose. Several social teas and the public meetings, Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, have served to draw people together and advance friendliness. The house has been in charge of Rev. and Mrs. William Channing Brown. Visiting ministers added greatly to the summer's profit. The welcome presence and loyal support of Rev. and Mrs. Elmer S. Forbes of Boston, Rev. and Mrs. Frank L. Phalen of Waterville, Maine, and Rev. and Mrs. James W. Macdonald of West Upton, enriched the season's work.

The summer services in and about Frenchman's Bay have been held in Prospect Harbor, Sullivan Harbor and Bar Harbor.

Very good congregations have attended the services in Prospect Harbor, where the Rev. G. H. Badger has been acting as summer minister. Mr. Badger has given new life to the work there.

Sullivan Harbor has had larger congregations this year. Arrangements were made with the ministers who had promised to preach in Bar Harbor asking them if they would kindly take a service in Sullivan. Almost all these ministers responded and the summer people, together with the local people, have been prompt and regular in their attendance. These services will be continued as long as the train service permits, by the minister of the Ellsworth Unitarian church.

An interesting session of the Hancock County Conference met at Sullivan, and adopted a resolution instructing the secretary to carry on a publicity campaign through the weekly newspaper, the Ellsworth American.

Regular services have been held in the Bar Harbor church and were brought to a close on September 12th.

Department of Religious Education

The first book in the New Beacon Course is practically ready for our schools. It is entitled "Living Together," and is prepared by Miss Frances M. Dadmun, an experienced Sunday-school superintendent and teacher. The lessons are a definite attempt to give children of Primary grade some idea of their social duties and relations. Bible stories are freely, but not exclusively, used as lesson material. While the book is planned for children seven years of age, it may be used with any children of Primary grade, six, seven, or eight years old, until the manuals for these ages are ready. The teacher's book, containing the lesson-stories, with introductions concerning the characteristics of the child of seven, the art of story-telling, and the use of handwork, sells for 75 cts. The handwork for the pupils consists of color work, modeling, original drawing, and the filling of blanks in the lesson story. This is presented on cards of large size which offer varied occupation for the children from Sunday to Sunday. These, in an envelope, with a package of colored crayons, cost 50 cts. Orders should be placed at once. The book will be ready soon after October 1st.

This department has opened a Bureau of Exchange Plays for Children which it is hoped will be of advantage to our schools. The first group consists of Bible stories arranged for dramatic presentation. Some of these are suitable for public exercises, some are intended especially for illustrations of class instruction. The Bible plays include two or three arrangements of the Christmas story for that special holiday service. The second group of plays is designed for other festival days of the year, Washington's Birthday, Thanksgiving, and Flower Sunday. There are also a few general plays and pageants for any

Sunday-school festival or social evening. A catalogue of the plays thus far secured, with the price to be paid for each, has been issued. One copy of this catalogue will be sent to the superintendent of each of our Sunday-schools, and will be furnished to anyone else upon application. The charge made for the use of the plays covers merely the cost of the typewritten copy, expense of sending, and the author's fee, when that is required.

The Institutes for Religious Education, held this year, were the most successful in the history of the department. Meadville stands first in the extent of its work and the length of its session. This year its period was lengthened to three weeks instead of two, yet the number in attendance was a little higher than last year. Two eminent lecturers were present at the Meadville School,—Prof. Walter S. Athearn, head of the Religious Education Department at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, who lectured for one week, and Dr. Hugh Hartshorne, of the Union Theological School of Religion, who gave lectures on "The Psychology of Religious Development," for two weeks.

The teachers' subject matter for this year was covered by Mr. Lawrance, who gave lectures on "The Poetry of the Bible," and by Dr. Southworth, who gave an admirable course on "The Religion of the English and American Poets." Added to this was a series of evening lectures by Rev. Richard W. Boynton, of Buffalo, on "Religion in American Poetry."

A new feature of the Meadville Institute, this year, was a series of Practice Classes, under the direction of Miss Buck. For the success of this work we are deeply indebted to Rev. Henry T. Secrist and the people of Meadville, through whose co-operation a large group of children was secured for the various classes. Even for the High School group, the local Sunday-school and visitors present furnished a fine class. The exhibit of Sunday-school work this year came almost exclusively from the schools represented, several of which had never before done handwork. This exhibit showed the application of principles learned at preceding sessions of the Institute. The record for the highest attendance from any one church passes from year to year to the different places represented; Erie, Pittsburgh, and Cincinnati had this honor in turn; this year it fell to Buffalo, that church sending fourteen members.

The session at the Shoals was this year quite as successful as at any previous year of its history. The numbers in attendance exceeded any previous year except the last. Our special lecturers there were Dr. Hartshorne, of New York, and Prof. Charles Foster Kent, of Yale University. Mr. Lawrance and Miss Breed were also present and gave courses. The institute at the Shoals stands first in the number of students attending. The entire week, with its added conferences, its recreation features, and its final entertainent proved thoroughly serviceable and helpful to the teachers and superintendents who were present.

To the fine beginning made last year, Andover has added the record of a three-days' institute held during the last week of June. Dr. Kent, Miss Lillian B. Poor and Miss Mary Lawrance were the lecturers. Miss Poor brought her ripe experience in Kindergarten work, and illustrated what might be done by teaching a group of children in in the presence of the audience. Miss Mary Lawrance introduced a new feature in the presentation of a Biblical drama entitled "The Youth of David," given by members of the institute. The costumes used were those provided for the school at Providence where the play was first given.

Steadily the value of the work at these institutes increases. We shall look forward to a larger attendance next year at each of them than we have ever had before.

Foreign Relations

An interesting testimony to the growth of Unitarian principles is to be found in the creation of a "Commissao constituinte da Associacao Uni-

taria-Latino-Americana," organized recently in the important town of S. Paulo, Brazil, by Reverend M. A. Camargo and a group of like-minded friends. This department has been in correspondence with Mr. Camargo for some years past, and sent him also printed matter concerning Unitarian beliefs and aims. In gratefully acknowledging the same the writer declares:

"I shall never rest until I see something practically done in my land, in behalf of the liberal type of Religion. As far as my time, means and influence afford me, I have been trying to propagate our ideas through the pamphlets the A. U. A. sends me. Some of them have already been translated into Portuguese and sent to those most interested. Unfortunately, printing is a rather costly job in this country, and my translations are typewritten and circulate in a very limited manner. This very week I have finished the translation of Rev. Minot J. Savage's tract "Our Gospel" (No. 100), and am going to canvass among my friends in order to raise about $100 for an edition of 2,000 copies of the first Unitarian tract ever published in the sweet tongue of Camoes. As soon as these are published and put into the hands of those willing to read I think there will be a demand for new literature, and the means will also flow into the now empty Unitarian treasury for future enterprises.

"I duly appreciate your good-will towards my little work in this part of our great continent. Believe me, you have given me a fresh inspiration to go on in the spread of the Unitarian Cause in Brazil. Think more frequently of the twenty millions of Brazilians, of whom about 50,000 are Protestants, but of the type sent here by the American Missions thirty and sixty years ago."

This letter is accompanied by copies of the handsomely printed tract of twenty-nine pages, "O Nosso Evangelho" (Our Gospel) by Minot J. Savage, a Portuguese version. As the first indication of an awakening of interest in liberal Christian ideas in South America this movement is very interesting.

Rev. Gaetano Conte, our representative in Italy, continues his earnest efforts to promote the liberal gospel, despite the war in which his country is engaged. One of his latest enterprises has been the publication of Dr. Edward Everett Hale's "Man without a Country." Circulated in a million copies in Italy, it is having almost as great an influence as it did in this country fifty or more years ago. Indeed, Professor Conte's work seems to gain in value because of the war. His magazine appears regularly. Mr. Romolo Murri writes vigorous leading articles. Madame Benso, who has been more immediately supported in her work of emancipating the women of her country by The Alliance of Unitarian Women, is daily increasing in effectiveness. The British and Foreign and American Unitarian associations have recently renewed their grants to this work. It now only remains for our National Women's Alliance to renew its gift of last year, without which Madame Benso's work must within a month or two be given up altogether. In this world-crisis it should be a matter of honor with all our organizations to keep up the foreign work which they have begun. If allowed to lapse it not only involves suffering for those engaged in it, but cannot be taken up again at will hereafter.

Rev. Clay MacCauley, head of our Unitarian Mission in Japan, is now in this country and has arrived in Boston. He will be glad to appear before our local conferences and describe our work in Japan, which was never so successful and promising as now. He may be personally addressed at 25 Beacon Street, or through the secretary of this department.

The departure of Miss Edith G. Pecker, our Unitarian missionary to China, spoken of elsewhere, opens up a new field of influence for our denomination. While unpretentious and modest it is fraught with great possibilities, if we do our part.

Comity and Fellowship

The Massachusetts Federation of Churches has issued a Plan for Personal Evangelism by the Churches of Massachusetts for the season of 1915-16. While it may not in certain of its features suit the spirit and needs of our Unitarian churches it is worthy of their consideration.

The Plan begins with a Rally and Come-to-Church Month during October, Sunday, October 3rd, being Rally Day for the Sunday-school; October 10th, Come-to-Church Sunday, followed by a Prayer Meeting Rally; October 17th, Family Sunday; October 24th, Young People's Sunday and week; October 31st, Consecration Sunday for dedication to personal and community services.

It is recommended that churches make lists of all persons in the community available for membership for the use of the "Win-One-Fellowships," mutually exchanging information so that all may be wisely directed to the churches of their choice; that they give opportunity for personal decision every Sunday; and organize classes on the nature of the Christian Life in Sunday-schools, culminating in a Decision Day; and arrange, where possible, co-operative community evangelism, and "retreats" for ministers for conference upon this whole program.

Such a state-wide, concerted effort has never before been attempted. The committee realizes that it is a great undertaking. But the reports presented reveal such a deepening interest and definite purpose that it is evident that the churches are aroused; and the committee's suggestions simply make this instinctive concert of effort avowed and systematic.

As Dr. Chas. W. Wendte has withdrawn from official connection with the American Unitarian Association, he requests his correspondents and friends to send any letters of a personal character, or which relate to the International Congress of Free Christians and other Religious Liberals and the National Federation of Religious Liberals, the secretaryships and general care of which he retains, to him at his residence, No. 165 Hunnewell Avenue, Newton, Mass., U. S. A. Mail matter sent to 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., will have to be forwarded, involving some delay.

The Annual Tract Catalog

Publication Department

It has been the custom of the Publication Department to issue each year, in September, a revised edition of the tract catalog. This year, in accordance with a resolution passed at the Annual Meeting, a special commission has been appointed and is making a thorough study of the tract list. It is expected that this commission will report to the Directors a number of suggestions about the tracts which will undoubtedly involve a substantial revision of the catalog. Pending the report of this commission no new edition of the catalog will be published until further notice, so that Post Office Mission workers and others who are in the habit of ordering tracts can continue to use catalogs bearing the date of September 1, 1914. As this issue is now nearly exhausted, we trust that persons having the 1914 catalog will preserve theirs carefully and thus save further inroads on the small stock which we hope will carry us until the new edition can be compiled and issued.

The New Hymn and Tune Book

Since the report in the June number of *Word and Work* the following societies have installed the New Hymn and Tune Book: South Natick, West Newton, Concord, Harvard, Arlington, Norfolk Street, Dorchester, and All Souls Church, Roxbury, Mass.; Washington, D. C.; Dayton, Ohio; and Indianapolis, Ind; taking a total of over 1,500 books. This makes 106 churches which have adopted the book since April, 1914.

It is hoped that many more societies are planning to order the book with the opening up of services in the fall, and the Publication Department is ready to fill orders for the standard edition, in either leather or cloth binding. It

might be well to remind our friends that circulars may be had in quantity for distribution among parishioners, and in the case of union churches the book may be had at the regular prices under the imprint of The Beacon Press, in which the name of the Unitarian Association does not appear.

Word and Work

The Department would welcome any suggestions of means by which a larger number of our churches may be brought to see the desirability of stimulating Unitarians to subscribe for *Word and Work*. We have offered a large inducement in the Group Rates, whereby in groups of 25 subscriptions it may be had at the rate of 40 cents each, or in groups of 50 or more at 35 cents. Frequent circulars have been sent to the ministers, calling attention to this plan, and some gratifying results have followed. But a much larger participation in this movement would work greatly to the advantage of the individual churches and will enable the publishers to issue an even better paper. The co-operation of ministers and laymen is invoked in this enterprise.

War and the Breed

Under this title we have just published with the imprint of The Beacon Press, a new book by Dr. David Starr Jordan, Chancellor of Leland Stanford University. In this work Dr. Jordan sums up the case against war, emphasizing particularly the relation between war and the downfall of nations. His point of view is strikingly brought out, and on account of the wide reputation of the author, as well as the wealth of illustration and suggestion which it contains, this book is strongly recommended to all persons interested in the subject of international peace and brotherhood. The book contains 265 pages, the price by mail being $1.43.

The Little Child at the Breakfast Table

Another new Beacon Press book is this new edition of a little book issued a few years ago by Rev. William C. Gannett. In revised and enlarged form it now appears as a cloth-bound book and is offered to parents as a unique and valuable means by which a spirit of reverence and respect may be cultivated among their children through the daily service at the breakfast table. A special circular describing this book has been prepared and will be sent cheerfully upon request. The price of the book is 50 cents; by mail, 58 cents.

The New World and the New Thought

By arrangement with Rev. James T. Bixby, *The Beacon Press* is now acting as publisher for his well-known book, "The New World and the New Thought." To all who have not had an opportunity of securing this book we now commend it most heartily. It is a volume of 219 pages and sells at $1.00 net; by mail to any part of the United States, $1.12.

BOOKS OF THE MONTH

The following recent books which may be classed as "books on liberal religion," "by Unitarian authors" or "about well-known Unitarians," have been acquired during the past month. They may be seen at the Book Room, 25 Beacon Street, and purchased at the accompanying prices.

Civics for New Americans, by Hill & Davis; 87 cents by mail.

Communion of Man with God, by R. Nicol Cross; 83 cents by mail.

Confessions of a Clergyman, Anonymous; $1.58 by mail.

God and War, by Daniel R. Freeman; 80 cents by mail.

The Training for an Effective Life, by C. W. Eliot; 40 cents by mail.

The Little Child at the Breakfast Table, by William and Mary Gannett; 58 cents by mail.

The New World and the New Thought, by James T. Bixby; $1.12 by mail.

A Voice from the Crowd, by George Wharton Pepper; $1.58 by mail.

War and the Breed, by David Starr Jordan; $1.43 by mail.

The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

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The Unitarian Pilgrimage

With abounding good spirits and many friends to see us off the two sections of the Unitarian Special left Boston on the evening of August 10. The morning of the third day found us at Winnepeg. Manitoba was one glory of sweet peas. The Winnepeg friends met us at the train and we all rode directly to the church, where the president of the Board of Trustees welcomed us most graciously, almost wondering how so many Unitarians could be contained in the building. All the seats were taken and the party overflowed into the street. And thus at our first meeting the picture some of us had imagined of a throng too great to enter our western churches was fulfilled, and from the church steps we looked like pilgrims at a shrine. At luncheon at the hotel we sat with the Winnipeg friends and listened to a welcome from the Mayor. We saw the city in trolley cars provided by the city and late in the afternoon had the first Alliance meeting of the trip. Many Alliance women had assisted the growth of the church, first by buying an inch of real estate and later by helping a fund for its furnishing. It was a moment of rejoicing to be in the completed church. One of the sightseeing trolley cars had left the track thus disabling the car behind it and half our audience was missing. In addition we were a half hour behind our schedule and our Alliance hour had become a half hour, but the spirit of the meeting had suffered no hurt. Mrs. Florence G. Bale, director for Western Canada, presided, welcoming the delegates, and Mrs. Gilson, Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Davis spoke briefly. The courage of the Branch, which had pledged $1,000 toward the church building loan fund, had raised $750 and then when unemployment and suffering came had given up their money raising plans to serve breakfasts to the hungry, was shown anew in the publication of "The Pilgrim's Trail," a beautiful booklet showing photographs of the Canadian country. A general hand-shaking and tea followed the Alliance meeting and then a few of us had the privilege of staying to dinner with our church hosts and for the evening meeting at which Mrs. Spencer and Mr. Boynton made addresses.

At Calgary, where we passed our first Sunday morning at church at Unity Hall, we were struck with the perpetually shifting nature of these new Western congregations. They who would have a settled church in this country have need of courage and vigilance eternal.

In our stay of half a day at Vancouver we saw the city, the church, and the trustees, but were disappointed that the Alliance members were most of them away.

Victoria showed its roses and sweet peas and dahlias, its kilties and its Indians, and four Unitarian meetings in less than twenty-four hours.

In the evening where we dined late at the Hotel Empress, we were too many to be served earlier, one hundred and fifty people of Victoria had gathered at the Alexandria Club at a mass meeting. Mrs. Spencer, Mr. Boynton and Mr. Crothers addressed the meeting. A representative of the Mayor welcomed us and Mr. Westwood of Winnipeg spoke of the hopes and needs of Northwestern Canada. Next day at noon we had a business session at the Hotel and after luncheon we visited the little Unitarian church. The tiniest of the churches,

this is distinctly a house of prayer. We gathered there for a memorable meeting with hymn and prayer and words of cheer.

At the Alliance meeting Miss Barnard discussed the work of the small church and Mrs. Davis related the history of the founding of the Victoria Branch.

The day at Seattle began with luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Perkins. Before we arrived we had wondered, "How could Mrs. Perkins entertain a company that had taxed the resources of the hotels along the route?" Yet how simple it was, a marquee in the garden, a wonderful garden, blooming with heliotrope and other old-fashioned posies, that had been a sand hill as lately as June twentieth, and we lunched delightfully amid the graciousness of a personal hospitality.

Afterward followed with academic dignity the dedication of the lot for the new University Chapel which will complete the chain of our University churches. Mrs. Davis spoke for The Alliance at this service. Later came an Alliamce meeting with words of good fellowship from many women well known among us. By this time a group of very short speeches had become the accepted form for these meetings en route. Our time was shorter or longer as the exegencies of travel permitted, but it was the general unspoken wish that we use our precious time for getting better acquainted.

At Portland on Sunday we listened to the sermon, drove about through the wilderness of roses seeing all the while with the eye of faith the smoke obscured mountains. In the evening we had our most formal Alliance meeting of the trip, a platform meeting in the church. There were three addresses: Mrs. Scott spoke on "The Alliance Opportunity for Social Service," Mrs. Davis on "The Pilgrimage," and Mrs. Gilson on "The Needs of the Northwestern Churches."

In this old church soon to be abandoned for another location because of the inroads of business upon it, our thoughts turned back naturally to the church at Calgary where we had worshipped on the previous Sunday. At Portland we were in an old church closely connected with the spiritual and civic life of the community. It has looked on its work and seen that it was good, but the little new church in Calgary is still struggling almost in darkness and is this year facing a grave crisis in the shrinkage after inflation and the war conditions of the city, but with the necessary help from without with courage and patience within, the church at Calgary may have a record equal to that of Portland in this newer city of the North West.

One of the interesting episodes of the General Conference meetings at San Francisco was the departure for China of Miss Edith G. Pecker, the new missionary of The Alliance. During her brief stay in the Exposition city she was the recipient of many delightful hospitalities from the women of the First Unitarian Church, who manifested a deep interest in her work and aims. A party, headed by Rev. C. W. Wendte, Foreign Secretary of the American Unitarian Association, and Mrs. Wendte, Mrs. Gilson of The Alliance, Mrs. Clara T. Guild of the Tuckerman School, with members of the class in which Miss Pecker recently graduated, Mrs. Beers, her hostess in San Francisco, and others were at the dock to bid her farewell and Godspeed. Beautiful flowers and fruit had been sent to her by the California friends, a warm letter of welcome from Dr. Gilbert Reid of Shanghai, under whose large-minded and experienced leadership she is to work in the International Institute of China, added to her happiness. Dr. MacCauley, of Tokio, was prevented from seeing her off in person, but had had profitable interviews with her, and arranged for her reception and care while in Japan, in which country she is to stay en route for a few weeks as the guest of the Universalist Mission in their recently built student home, the Blackmar Hostel, in the midst of the sixty thousand college students of Tokio. In

late November she will arrive in Shanghai and begin her work under singularly auspicious circumstances. Miss Pecker has impressed all who have come in contact with her with the sincerity and earnestness of her character and the singleness of her motives, and her promise as a religious thinker and teacher. The deep significance of this new departure of our Unitarian women in broadening the range of our missionary sympathies and activities was dwelt upon at The Alliance meetings at San Francisco.

Executive Board

The regular meeting was held June 11, Miss Bancroft in the chair, twenty-nine members present. The standing committees were named and will be printed in the Manual. Time was given to a consideration of the best way to make *Word and Work* in reality our official organ and to increase the number of readers. In addition to the copies sent out each month to branch officers and Post Office Mission chairmen between two and three hundred individual workers subscribed for the paper. The question is to determine how to reach the other Alliance women who would be glad to keep in touch in this way with the general work.

Miss Bancroft was made delegate to the General Conference with power to appoint the other delegates. Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Peterson were named. Miss Slade will continue as chairman of the badge committee to encourage the sale of Alliance pins. Mrs. Gates and Mrs. Tuttle were appointed to assist on this committee. Mrs. Donahue and Mrs. Holden were made a committee to plan for an Alliance conference at the Isles of Shoals in July.

Mrs. Davis made a report of progress for the Alliance History, hoping that the book will be ready for distribution in the early fall.

Kentucky has now over one hundred members and is entitled to a director. Miss Caroline Leib of Louisville was elected. Miss Bella L. Taussig of Unity Church, St. Louis, was elected director for Missouri to succeed Mrs. Stuyvesant, whose resignation was accepted with regret.

Mrs. Voigt, Mrs. Noyes, Mrs. Rice were appointed a committee to formulate a policy for the guidance of the Nominating Committee of The Alliance. This committee will report to the Board, and to the general body in May, 1916.

The suggestion of the Social Service Committee that a half column article on Peace be printed in each issue of *Word and Work* the coming year was endorsed and recommended to the Editorial Committee.

Interesting letters from England, Holland, and France, showed the continued call for international fellowship and help.

The meeting adjourned to September 17, 1915.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

The meeting of September 17, was memorable because of the enthusiastic reports of the Pilgrimage eagerly welcomed by the members who had been unable to take the trip to the Pacific Coast. The peculiar difficulties of the present hour that are before the Canadian branches and the importance of holding the situation in places where new societies have been started were forcefully presented and the Board put itself on record commending the action whereby a special committee of men and women has been appointed, charged with the duty of raising funds for the assistance of our Canadian churches.

Miss Harriet C. Shaw of Cambridge has become a life member. In memoriam have been placed the names of Mrs. Ella Abbott Whitney, Lexington, Mass.; Mrs. Frances Langdon Chandler, Flushing, New York; Mrs. Wilson Crosby, Bangor, Me. and Baltimore, Md.

The Treasurer called attention to the fact that the salary of our missionary in China must be paid, the year having begun September 1, and a prompt response to this appeal for $500 will be gladly welcomed.

The following new appeals were endorsed: for Long Beach, California,

$200, for furnishings; for the new University Church at Seattle, Washington, $800; for the parsonage at Ellsworth, Maine, $550. It was also voted that the Appeal for War Relief be renewed, and that an Appeal for $300 for the Unitarian Mission in Italy be recommended again this year to the branches.

The Alliance History was received with satisfaction and copies may be ordered at once from Headquarters. The attractive paper covered book will sell for 25 cents, cost of mailing additional. There will also be copies with board covers.

The Manual for 1915-1916 was presented and should be in the hands of branch officers by the time this report is read.

It was voted to make the subscription price for *Word and Work* 35 cents for Alliance members who subscribe individually for the Magazine. This is to conform to the club rates charged by the Association.

The resignation of two vice-presidents was accepted with regret, that of Mrs. E. C. Smith of the Western section, and that of Mrs. Frank M. Keezer from the Rocky Mountains.

A vote of thanks was offered Mrs. Keezer for her efficient service in preparing The Alliance Travelogue. Branches or societies that desire to use this illustrated lecture with its many slides showing officers, groups of workers, and various scenes from different sections of the country, will make application to Headquarters. The borrowing society will pay the costs of transportation.

The next meeting, October 8, will be Directors' Day, when Board members will have time and opportunity to contribute suggestions and present problems for consideration.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

NOTE:—To branch secretaries. The monthly reports printed in *Word and Work* are the official statement of the action of the Board with regard to matters that concern the branches. They are to be consulted when question arises as to the opinion of the Board. If read aloud they would naturally be brought before the executive committee of a branch or the business session. They do not in any way conflict with the director's monthly letter which belongs to the branch in lieu of a personal visit. An effort is made to give a concise statement of the things branch officers need to know.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON.

Branches are reminded of the new leaflet issued under the direction of the Social Service Committee of The Alliance. One copy was mailed to each branch during the summer, but lest these went astray particular attention is here called to this excellent leaflet that will be an inspiration and a help to study classes and program committees. Copies may be obtained free of charge on application to headquarters.

The pamphlet on Unitarian Settlements in North Carolina and Florida may also be had free on application to Alliance headquarters. This gives the interesting story of a part of the work carried on under the direction of the Southern Circuit Committee with which every branch member should be familiar.

News From the Branches

At its annual meeting on March 26, 1915, the Alliance of All Souls' Church of Washington, D. C. elected a new treasurer in place of Mrs. Sterling T. Smith who had filled the office since 1900.

Feeling that she was not physically able longer to perform the duties of treasurer, Mrs. Smith had refused again to stand for re-election. At the meeting on May 14, 1915, of the Washington Branch the Alliance voted unanimously that a public acknowledgment should be made in *Word and Work* of its appreciation of Mrs. Smith's devotion to its interests and to those of the Unitarian denomination as shown in her efficient administration of the office of treasurer of the Alliance during the past fifteen

years. Recognizing the local needs and obligations of the Branch Alliance, Mrs. Smith was also always mindful of its duty to the general body and to the denomination, and did not fail to point this out when occasion required. For this reason it seemed fitting to ask the Alliance department of Unitarian *Word and Work* to make mention of its action.

JENNIE W. SCUDDER,
Recording Secretary.

Washington, D. C.

The Sudbury Woman's Alliance will hold its annual sale and harvest dinner at the old First Parish Church at Sudbury Center, Mass., from one to three o'clock on October 12th (Columbus Day). As their small force has been crippled by the illness of members, contributions for the sale will be more than usually acceptable. They can be mailed to Miss Sarah E. Pratt, South Sudbury, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

The Malden, Massachusetts Branch will hold a sale early in November and solicits articles from Alliance friends and neighbors. Send before November 4 to Mrs. E. B. Whitney, 100 Tremont Street, Malden.

The following item taken from the report of the Montague, Mass. Society, printed in the *Christian Register*, shows the inadvisability of giving money and support to various advertising schemes and begging letters which are often sent to branch officers without the knowledge or approval of the Board of Directors of the Alliance. After speaking of the strenuous and encouraging year in the Montague society, the report continues:—"Inquiries have been made about the P. D. Q. soap money, which was supposed to help the church. Nothing has been received either by the alliance or the church, and a recent communication says: 'No money in any way will come to the church from the sale. The $87 which has been received from the sale of the soap will be returned to those who gave it.' "

We have yet to hear of any return of money paid for soap with the understanding that a part of it was to be given to help the Montague Alliance.

Appeals

Three new Appeals have been approved by the Committee, endorsed by the Executive Board and are placed before the branches.

1. Long Beach, California, asks for $200 to assist in paying for church furnishings, among which is a piano for its church services. The Society has recently acquired a portable building which will for the present serve as a church, until they are able to build. The American Unitarian Association has bought the lot of land and in its leaflet "Things to be Done This Year," includes "to encourage building plans at Long Beach, California. Dr. Watry who has charge of the church at Santa Anna as well as at Long Beach is one of our trusted ministers. The Alliance Branch is very active, holding two meetings a month through the year as well as serving suppers about once a month to add to its financial resources. It helps with the minister's salary and in other ways.

The city of Long Beach has a population of about 30,000. A meeting was held at Long Beach after the Conference with Dr. Samuel A. Eliot, Rev. A. R. Scott and Dr. U. G. B. Pierce as speakers.

2. The new University Church at Seattle, after holding services for two years in a very forlorn, badly-situated building with no place where social gatherings could be held is now bending all efforts toward raising money to build a new chapel. There are no persons of wealth connected with the Society and the task of raising $5,000 seems a large one, and even small gifts involve real sacrifice. The American Unitarian Association has bought a lot on which the chapel is to be built. The Unitarian Pilgrims to the General Conference stopped at Seattle and an impressive service of dedication was held on the lot. The going to Seattle, to take charge of this church, of Dr. and Mrs. John C. Perkins has given fresh

inspiration and courage to the people.

The Alliance Branch, through its President, asks for $800. for church furnishings.

3. Ellsworth, Maine, asks for $550 toward a parsonage. The Ellsworth Parish is experiencing new life after a period of almost non-existence. It is particularly fortunate in its present minister and the acquisition of a parsonage will make such an addition to the salary as will enable the minister and his family to stay and to live in a desirable and central location.

Ellsworth is the county seat of Hancock County, has a population of 3,500 and is the central point for several neighboring preaching stations.

The Unitarian ministers in Maine heartily endorse the purchase of the parsonage and have appointed a committee to solicit contributions. Mrs. Caroline S. Atherton, the Recording Secretary of our Alliance has visited Ellsworth this summer and recommends this Appeal.

Will not the Branches give these Appeals early attention?

ALICE REYNOLDS KEYES,
Chairman of Committee on Appeals.

The International Committee presents three appeals to the Branches.

The first is the renewal of the War Relief Appeal. Though one is besieged to-day by war appeals innumerable this War Relief Appeal is of real importance, not from the standpoint of war work alone, but also from that of religious fellowship. Now, more than at any period of the past, it is particularly important to continue our cooperation with the International Union of Liberal Christian Women in the Warring Countries of Europe, for this is the time above all others to show our sisters abroad the steadfast interest and deep sympathy that we, the onlookers, feel for them, the participants in a tragedy of strife and bereavement. As was the case last year this Appeal is for no definite sum, but in view of the increased need it is hoped that every Branch will contribute generously to a cause that is truly imperative.

The second is the renewal of the Appeal for $300 to aid the work of the American Unitarian Association in Italy. This is so well established that neither the war nor the hardships thereby entailed can discourage our faithful missionary Signor Conte. The Woman's League of Italy, under the leadership of Signora Benso has steadily progressed. The American Unitarian Association has once more shown its confidence in the Italian Mission by a contribution of $800. This, together with $300. from the Branches will assure another year of satisfactory progress.

The third appeal is for our new missionary work in China. Miss Edith G. Pecker sailed from San Francisco on August 25th, to take up her work as a Unitarian Missionary in Shanghai. Much has already been said about Miss Pecker's special fitness and really large experience. As the sole representative of the Unitarian Church in the International Institute of China, of which Rev. Gilbert Reid, D.D. is the head it seems only right that she should receive our sympathetic interest and cordial support. Here is the first missionary enterprise in foreign lands on which the Alliance has ever embarked. Success, moreover, in this new field will be a definite proof that the Alliance is fast outgrowing the limitations of its home country and is extending its work to other lands where the message of Liberal Christianity is perhaps more needed. $500. is the sum the Branches are asked to contribute to this appeal.

ELIZABETH MARQUAND.
Chairman of the International Committee.

Appeals

Appeals stand as follows:

Green Harbor, Mass., preaching	$400.
Meadville Students	250.
Pacific School Students	250.
Ellsworth, Me., parsonage	550.
Long Beach, Cal., church furnishings	200.
Seattle, Wash. University Church furnishings	800.
Italian Mission	300.
Missionary in China	500.
War Relief	

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

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Mr. Sanford Bates, *President*

Miss Grace R. Torr, *Secretary* — Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, *Treasurer*

Directors' Monthly Meeting

The second regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Young People's Religious Union for 1915-1916 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on Wednesday afternoon, September 8, 1915, at half past two o'clock.

President Bates presided and there were present: Mr. Eliot, Miss Jones, Mr. McMurdie and the secretary.

The secretary's minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer reported for three months.

VOTED: to accept the treasurer's report.

The bills were next presented, and on motion of Mr. Eliot,

VOTED: to pay the bills.

The report of the Special Meeting, July 22, 1915, was read and accepted as read by the secretary.

The report of the secretary for the months of June, July and August was read and accepted.

The secretary read a letter from Miss Richards, reporting for the work of the Extension Committee.

VOTED: to thank Rev. Otto Lyding and Mr. William U. Swan, the two Shoals speakers.

VOTED: to thank Rev. Sydney B. Snow for his address at the General Conference and his work in furtherance of our movement.

The secretary read a letter from Mr. Berkeley B. Blake of Berkeley, California, the Pacific Coast Vice-president, giving an account of the meeting in San Francisco, August 26, 1915.

VOTED: to write a letter of appreciation to Mr. Blake and also to Professor Taft for presiding.

VOTED: that some effort be made to print Mr. Snow's address in "The Christian Register" and "The Advance," and that the secretary get in touch with both editors to give us a little more space in both papers.

VOTED: that the secretary send copies of the report of Mr. Blake to the members of the Board of Directors.

VOTED: to adjourn.

Grace R. Torr,
Secretary.

Greetings from the Universalist Young People

After the Twenty-seventh Convention of the Young People's Christian Union, held in Los Angeles, California, July 6-7, the following letter was received, and is of importance as showing the friendliness of our Universalist young people:

"At the recent convention of the Young People's Christian Union, held in Los Angeles and Pasadena, California, this resolution was unanimously adopted.

"Inasmuch as the Y. P. R. U. of the Unitarian Church is working towards the same goal as ourselves, be it resolved that the Y. P. C. U. extend greetings to the Y. P. R. U., with hearty good wishes for its continued prosperity in the work of spreading the teachings of the Master."

Very sincerely yours,
Carl F. Elsner,
Secretary.

Shoals Meeting

Saturday, July 17, at the Shoals was Young People's Day and a goodly number was in attendance this year. Rev. Otto Lyding of the First Parish, Roxbury, Mass., conducted the devotional service of the morning in the stone meeting house, followed by two addresses: "The Parish Worker at Work," by Miss Caroline L. Carter of Hingham, Mass., and "Social Service in

the Public Schools," by Miss Marion H. Studley of Springfield, Mass. In the evening, Mr. William U. Swan of Boston, an editor of the Associated Press, gave a most illuminating address on the gathering and distribution of the news which goes to make up our daily papers, being heartily applauded at the close.

General Conference

The following first-hand report of the Y. P. R. U. meeting at the General Conference tells its own story:

August 26th, 1915.

My dear Miss Torr:—I have just come from the meeting of the Young People's Religious Union. It was held in the First Church here in San Francisco, where all the conference meetings are being held, at three in the afternoon. There was a very good attendance indeed, although I was sorry not to see more young people there, and that is probably my own fault.

The Conference President, Mr. Taft, presided in his usual genial manner, though somewhat out of breath because of his hurried arrival. His loyalty to and interest in the church are of themselves an inspiration to all who meet him.

The principal speaker, indeed, *the* speaker for the Y. P. R. U., as well as for the afternoon, was Mr. Snow. I do not think that a better man could have been chosen for the occasion. He surveyed briefly the growth and purpose of the Young People's Religious Union, spoke of the fact that our religion is one which should appeal particularly to young people and that it was our own fault if we did not have them in the church, and dwelt briefly on the spirit of sacrifice in the young that is so typical of the present terrible war. I would suggest that you obtain a copy of his address as I cannot give you an adequate idea of the forcefulness of his address. I am indeed sorry that you could not hear him.

After Mr. Snow, your Pacific Coast Vice-president spoke a few words. Mr. Taft then introduced President, or rather, Chancellor Jordan of Stanford University, who spoke in behalf of the Sunday School Association. His talk, however, did not once refer to Sunday school matters, being entirely devoted to the question of international peace.

Yours truly,

Berkeley B. Blake.

The Y. P. R. U. delegates, officially appointed for the Conference, were Mr. Berkeley B. Blake of Berkeley, Cal., Miss Belle I. Smith of Los Angeles, Cal., and Miss Jennie G. Moseley of Dorchester, Mass.

The Fair

Plans for the fair have not been allowed to drop during the summer. The second booklet, containing complete information, will be issued shortly.

The fair will offer many attractions and we hope to interest all who come. If too far away to be present, you may perhaps feel disposed to contribute money or articles of a salable nature. Orders will be taken by mail. We shall be glad of your patronage and co-operation.

On the first afternoon, Dr. Paul Revere Frothingham of the Arlington Street, Boston, is to formally open the bazaar, speaking a brief word on behalf of the Unitarian young people. On Thursday evening, from half past eight to half past nine o'clock, a reception will be tendered the heads of the bazaar and those most prominent in our leading Unitarian organizations, when Dr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Eliot, representing the American Unitarian Association, Rev. Florence Buck, representing the Department of Religious Education, Miss Anna M. Bancroft, the Alliance, Hon. and Mrs. Sanford Bates, the Young People's Religious Union, and the Honorary President and Vice-president of the fair, Mrs. Sydney B. Snow and Miss Lucy Lowell, will stand in the receiving line and greet all who come.

On Friday afternoon, Mrs. Caroline S. Atherton, the Recording Secretary of the Alliance, will bring the greetings

of the Unitarian women to their young people; and in the evening, a pleasing entertainment will be presented, under the personal direction of Mr. Carl B. Wetherell, the President of the South Middlesex Federation.

Saturday afternoon will be wholly given over to the children, with something for young and old; Saturday evening's dance will bring the fair to a close.

There are several Unitarians who are making collections of postal cards of our churches; and it has been suggested that an appeal be made for picture postal cards of the churches to be sold at the fair. If you do make fancy articles, you can at least see that a quantity of such cards be sent to the young people for the fair. We hope to receive cards of every Unitarian Church in the country.

All contributions may be sent to Miss Emily J. Cline, 56 Magnolia St., Dorchester, Mass., the Chairman, or to 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., Room 11.

Concerning the $30,000 Fund

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Young People's Religious Union, this letter, relative to the $30,000 Endowment Fund, was presented and read with much interest; and it was voted to publish the letter in the columns of this paper.

Dallas, Texas.

Replying to yours, I beg to say that I have not had a chance to take this matter up definitely with our society yet, but we expect to help the fund, and I will write you shortly, advising just what we can pledge.

We feel that this is a great work, but we also feel that a man taking charge of it will be very busy and unable to give much time to any one section of the country, and we need aid so urgently in this section. Our society in Dallas is pushing the work as rapidly as possible, and we have a campaign on now to try and organize societies in all towns of 10,000 in the state. This we expect to do by correspondence, as we have charge of the Post Office Mission; and, if possible, at a later date we want to try and have a secretary for Texas alone. That sounds big, but we are actually going to try and do it. Texas is a very large state and its needs for a liberal faith are great. One can hardly realize how urgently we require the new gospel preached here in the southwest unless he has lived here.

Our wishes for the success of the Y. P. R. U. are most cordial, and we are going to help with the fund to such extent as we can. I will advise you shortly just what amount you may put us down for. We will have to have some time to raise it, as times are rather hard in this section, where everything depends upon agriculture, and we do not look for much change till next fall.

With kind regards, I remain,

Yours truly,

James E. Lenington.

Absent Young People

The names of young people, away from home, at school or at college, are solicited as is usual at this season of the year. If you are a minister or an interested member of a parish, kindly see that your young people, leaving the home locality, are furnished with letters of introduction to the Unitarian ministers in the towns to which they are going, as well as sending to 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., the names and addresses of the young absentees. The Young People's Religious Union and the Woman's Alliance both like to have the names. Especially do we need the names if the winter residence is to be in the neighborhood of Boston, for in connection with the work of one of our churches there is employed a Student Secretary whose chief duty is calling upon and making friends with the Unitarian students and in many ways adding to their comfort and happiness. More and more is this work being appreciated and bearing testimony to its necessity.

Unitarian Temperance Society

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